

# Lesson 55

## Definitions



1.	<b>alchemist</b>	AL kuh mist	one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The alchemist wanted to change iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	alchemistic, alchemical, alchemize, alchemy, alchemic, alchemical, alchemically	
2.	<b>amalgam</b>	uh MAL gum	a combination of different elements
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> individual units
	His personality is a strange amalgam of different traits.		
	Derivatives >>	amalgamate, amalgamable, amalgamative, amalgamator, amalgamation	
3.	<b>august</b>	aw GUST	inspiring reverence or admiration
	Synonyms >>	majestic, venerable, eminent	Antonym >> meek and lowly
	The crowd was overwhelmed by the august performance of the religious drama.		
	Derivatives >>	augustness, augustly	
4.	<b>caldron</b>	KAL drun	a large kettle used for boiling
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The witches stirred their brew in a large caldron.		
	Derivatives >>	caldrons	
5.	<b>conduit</b>	KON doo it	a pipe or tube for conveying water or other fluids, flume
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The water ran through a conduit to the outside of the building.		
	Derivatives >>		
6.	<b>document</b>	DOK yu munt	to support with references or citations
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to leave unsupported
	The lawyer must document instances of bad conduct if a sound case is to be made against the criminal.		
	Derivatives >>	documents, documenting, documentive	
7.	<b>forensic</b>	fuh REN sik	pertaining to debate or argument
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many students take debate classes in preparation for the forensic competitions.		
	Derivatives >>	forensical	
8.	<b>inaugural</b>	in AH gyur ul	the beginning, the first of a series
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> final
	After the President of the United States takes the oath of office, he makes his inaugural address.		
	Derivatives >>	inaugurate, inaugurated, inaugurating, inauguration, inaugurator	
9.	<b>invidious</b>	in VID ee us	causing animosity or resentment; hateful; offensive
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pleasant; soothing; kind
	We were quite resentful about the man's invidious remarks.		
	Derivatives >>	invidiously, invidiousness	
10.	<b>mellow</b>	MEL oh	pleasingly mild
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harsh
	The orchestra played soft and mellow music.		
	Derivatives >>	mellowy, mellowed	
11.	<b>nettle</b>	NET ul	to arouse displeasure, impatience, or anger in
	Synonyms >>	irritate, incite, provoke, vex	Antonym >> to placate
	The small boys deliberately tried to nettle their big sister.		
	Derivatives >>	nettles, nettled, nettling, nettler, nettlesome	

12.	<b>pare</b>	PAIR	to reduce or to lessen		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to supplement
	We hope to pare our expenses by staying in inexpensive hotels.				
	Derivatives >>	pared, pares, paring			
13.	<b>placebo</b>	pluh SEE boe	substance with no medication given to humor a patient		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Sugar pills are sometimes a placebo given to a hypochondriac.				
	Derivatives >>	placebos			
14.	<b>privation</b>	pry VAY shun	the condition of lacking basic necessities of life		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	abundance
	Children in many parts of the world face severe privation.				
	Derivatives >>	privational, privative, privatively			
15.	<b>protuberance</b>	pro TOO buh runs	the state of bulging beyond the surrounding area; protrusion		
	Synonyms >>	projection		Antonym >>	indentation
	The woman was embarrassed by the protuberance of her lower jaw.				
	Derivatives >>	protuberancy, protuberant, protuberantly			
16.	<b>refractory</b>	reh FRAK tuh ree	unmanageable, stubborn with respect to authority		
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, intractable, recalcitrant, unruly, willful		Antonym >>	obedient
	A refractory child should be removed from the classroom.				
	Derivatives >>	refractorily, refractoriness			
17.	<b>reprehensible</b>	rep reh HEN suh bul	deserving blame or reprimand		
	Synonyms >>	blameworthy, censurable, condemnable, reprobatory		Antonym >>	praiseworthy
	Some think that kissing on the first date is reprehensible conduct.				
	Derivatives >>	reprehend, reprehensibility, reprehensibly, reprehension, reprehensive, reprehensory			
18.	<b>rife</b>	RIFE	common in occurrence, abundant		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	rare
	The AIDS virus is rife among intravenous drug-users.				
	Derivatives >>	rifely, rifeness			
19.	<b>serendipity</b>	ser un DIP eh tee	the faculty for making desirable discoveries by accident		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Finding the road to his house was a case of serendipity.				
	Derivatives >>				
20.	<b>solace</b>	SOL is	to comfort or to cheer		
	Synonyms >>	soothe, mitigate, assuage		Antonym >>	to deride; to harass
	The Red Cross attempted to solace the flood victims.				
	Derivatives >>	solaceful, solacement, solacer, solaced, solacing			
21.	<b>stipend</b>	STY pend	normal salary		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	bonus
	The normal stipend for a good quarterback is a half million dollars a year.				
	Derivatives >>	stipendiary, stipendium, stipendless			
22.	<b>teeming</b>	TEEM ing	filled to overflowing; present in a large amount		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	deserted
	The damp field is teeming with mosquitoes.				
	Derivatives >>	teem, teemful, teemfulness, teemingly, teemless			
23.	<b>unremitting</b>	un reh MIT ing	constant, incessant		
	Synonyms >>	perennial, perpetual		Antonym >>	sporadic
	I need some medicine for my unremitting headache.				
	Derivatives >>	unremitted, unremitting, unremittingly, unremittingly			
24.	<b>vitiated</b>	VISH ee ate id	impaired, corrupted, or made ineffective		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	strengthened
	My agreement with him was vitiated when I found that he was stealing assets.				
	Derivatives >>	vitate, vitiating, vitiator			
25.	<b>zephyr</b>	ZEF ur	a gentle breeze, the west wind		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	tornado
	The girl's long hair gently rose and fell at the hand of the zephyr.				
	Derivatives >>	zephyrs, zephyrous			

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## Matching Test



Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

### Exercise A

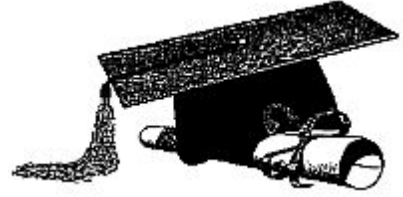
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|-------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. alchemist | a. large kettle used for boiling     |
| _____ | 2. amalgam   | b. beginning; first of a series      |
| _____ | 3. august    | c. inspiring reverence or admiration |
| _____ | 4. caldron   | d. common in occurrence; abundant    |
| _____ | 5. conduit   | e. hateful; offensive                |
| _____ | 6. document  | f. medieval chemist                  |
| _____ | 7. forensic  | g. to support with references        |
| _____ | 8. inaugural | h. to arouse displeasure or anger in |
| _____ | 9. invidious | i. combination of different elements |
| _____ | 10. mellow   | j. pipe used for conveying fluids    |
| _____ | 11. nettle   | k. pertaining to debate or argument  |
| _____ | 12. rife     | l. pleasingly mild                   |

### Exercise B

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|-------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. pare          | a. to reduce or to lessen                                       |
| _____ | 2. placebo       | b. normal salary                                                |
| _____ | 3. privation     | c. state of bulging out                                         |
| _____ | 4. protuberance  | d. impaired; corrupted                                          |
| _____ | 5. refractory    | e. to comfort or to cheer                                       |
| _____ | 6. reprehensible | f. unmanageable; unruly                                         |
| _____ | 7. serendipity   | g. constant; incessant                                          |
| _____ | 8. solace        | h. lacking the basic necessities                                |
| _____ | 9. stipend       | i. deserving blame or reprimand                                 |
| _____ | 10. teeming      | j. gentle breeze; west wind                                     |
| _____ | 11. unremitting  | k. finding something by accident                                |
| _____ | 12. vitiated     | l. filled to overflowing                                        |
| _____ | 13. zephyr       | m. substance with no medication given merely to humor a patient |

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### Sentence Completion



alchemist	amalgam	august	caldron
conduit	document	forensic	inaugural
mellow	nettle	protuberance	rife

1. Unlike the uproarious young man we had seen earlier, this man was mild mannered, \_\_\_\_\_ and serene.
2. Our school is \_\_\_\_\_ with dropouts; they are so abundant that everyone knows at least one student who has left school without graduating.
3. The student's preparation for the debate was not good; \_\_\_\_\_ activities require much work in order to ensure success.
4. Before the man made his final statement, he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his facts with references that he had discovered while looking for support of his information.
5. Whichever method an \_\_\_\_\_ uses to try to turn lead into gold, he will soon learn that an \_\_\_\_\_ of the two will never combine into the desired product.
6. In the witches' \_\_\_\_\_ bubbled a stew of dubious origin, but its simmering could not be heard above the screams of the old women.
7. People would often \_\_\_\_\_ poor Ned, teasing him about the \_\_\_\_\_ extending from his nose.
8. The president gave a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ address; marking the beginning of his term; it was the first of many speeches to come.
9. The actor gave an \_\_\_\_\_ performance which inspired admiration from every listener.
10. The water has stopped flowing because the \_\_\_\_\_ is clogged; the pipe will have to be cleaned out in order to allow any fluid to pass through it again.

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pared	invidious	placebo	privation	refractory
reprehensible	serendipity	solace	stipend	teeming
unremitting	vitiated	zephyr		

11. There was great animosity and resentment directed toward the man because of his \_\_\_\_\_ remarks.
12. The honey-laced hive was \_\_\_\_\_ with bees; there seemed to be thousands upon thousands of the insects.
13. After he discovered my salary, he realized that his own \_\_\_\_\_ was not sufficient to meet the needs of a lawyer of his caliber.
14. The gentle \_\_\_\_\_ blew softly over the field of tall grass.
15. Shoplifting is a \_\_\_\_\_ crime; many people who are guilty of it receive as their reprimand a prison term to be served.
16. Even though he lost his money, the man took \_\_\_\_\_ in the fact that he was well equipped to make more.
17. James is headstrong and \_\_\_\_\_, refusing to submit to any authority.
18. The lady was extremely overweight, but she had an \_\_\_\_\_ urge to eat that she could not control and that was constantly with her.
19. Those people have no money and no homes; consequently, they suffer great \_\_\_\_\_ as they do without the basic necessities of life.
20. The poker players reduced my funds; they gradually \_\_\_\_\_ the \$70 I had started with to a mere \$20 before I finally gave up and went home.
21. Too many regulations have \_\_\_\_\_ the school district, making it ineffective as an organization.
22. We actually discovered by accident that we were able to find the correct road without a map. It was just an example of \_\_\_\_\_.
23. The doctor appeased the man by giving him a \_\_\_\_\_; the substance had no curative powers, but the man believed that it was real medicine.